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THE BRITISH TELL OF DELAREY'S ATTACK

English Troops, It Is Now | British Explanation Asserted, Were Badly Outnumbered.

MOUNTED GUARDS IN A PANIC

Infantry and Artillery Stood Their Ground Well.

NASHAM'S GALLANT DEATH

Men and Officers Fell at the Guns-General Methuen's Lorse Killed Under Him -Kitchener Sends Details to the War

LONDON, March 17 .- General Kitchener telegraphs from Pretoria to the War Of-

fice as follows: "Methuen has sent me a dictated de spatch correcting inaccuracies. mounted rear guard was overwhelmed at daws. Methuen immediately re-enforced it by all available mounted troops and a section of the Thirty-eighth Battery which maintained themselves for an hour, while the convoys were closing up

Mounted Men Driven Back,

"The Boers pressed their attack hard. The mounted troops, in attempting to fall back on the infantry, got completely out of hand, carrying away in the rout the bulk of the mounted troops, and leaving two guns of the Thirty-eighth Battery unprotected.

"The guns continued in action until every man except Lieutenant Nasham was

Refused to Surrender,

"The Boers demanded that Lieutenan Nasham surrender. He refused and was killed. Methuen, with 200 Northumber land Fusiliers, found himself isolated. He held on for three hours, while other de-tachments occupied a kraal and resisted repeated attacks. At this time Methuer was wounded. His ammunition was mostly expended, and he surrendered a

Others Forced to Yield.

"The kraal party withheld until two guns and a pompom were brought to bear on them, making the position untenable. General Kitchener confirms the report that most of the Boers wore British khaki uniforms. Many also wore British badges of rank. Even at close quarters they were undistinguishable from the British troops.

Infantry Fought Well.

It is clear that the infantry fought well. The artillery maintained the traditions o its regiment. In addition to forty Cape police, a few parties of yeomanry con tinued to hold the ground after the panic had swept the bulk of the mounted troops

Used British Guns.

A despatch to the "Daily Mail," dated Klerksdorp, March 13, via Pretoria, March 16, gives an account of General Methuen's disaster. It says that the pompom and field guns that the Boers brought to bear on the kranl occupied by some of the British were some of those captured from

Colonel von Donop's column.

The pompom sent in 700 shots. The
British infantry were outnumbered ten to
one. An exceptionally gallant defence was

Fell at the Guns.

Men and officers fell around the guns. Two officers who fell across the limbers were removed, and then the firing con-

General Methuen mounted his horse to go and bring up the mounted troops, who had retired for some distance. He was then hit in the thigh and his horse was

Delarey's Courtesy.

After his surrender, General Delares rode up and treated him with every consideration and courtesy. He ordered General Methuen's return to Klerksdorp under the care of his own nephew, with Colonel Townsend, who was wounded in three Many of the burghers bitterly opposed

the release of General Methuen, and a party was sent to bring him back.

Delarey Had His Way.

General Delarcy, however, insisted upor his being set free and carried the day. He placed two of his own wagons at the disposal of General Mathuen and Colonel Townsend. The correspondent in a later disposal of General Methuen and Colonel larey, saying that he displayed all the old-time chivalry which characterized his Huguenot ancestry. A despatch from Pretoria to the "Cen

tral News" says that General Methuen's column, which was recently routed by the Boers under General Delarey, was only 600 strong.

Delarey's force, according to the corre spondent, numbered 2,009. General Meth ven's command at first mistook the Boers for British troops.

IRISHMEN CHEER DELAREY.

John Dillon, M. P., Leads Applause for

Boer General. GLASGOW, March 16.-In the course

an address to a large meeting of Irish men this afternoon Mr. John Dillon, M P., said that Lord Rosebery had joines the chorus of ruffianism against Sir Hear; Campbell-Bennerman, the Liberal leader He added that Lord Rosebery was in the same beat with the Government.

He called for a ringing ther for General Delarey, and his audience responden

with prolonged cheering.

FRENCH DEFICIT HEAVY.

Short Term Treasury Bonds Likely (Be Issued.

Paris, March 16. - The Senatorial fine: committee had two sittings yesterday : two today. The estimated espendica wan reduced by \$,500,002 franco.

With the decreased expanditure the which it is proposed to issue short-

CAPE TOWN, March 16. - Mr. Cecil Rhodes, who is suffering from heart trouble, was weaker this morning.

of Methuen's Defeat.

in which General Delarey defeated and captured Methuen have been sent to the British War Office, and the ban of the censor has evidently been lift-

It is new asserted that the English were heavily outnumbered by the Boers. The mounted troops were soon put to flight, but the artillerymen held their ground well, officers and privates falling dead around their guns.

The fight continued until late in the morning.

PRAYERS FOR CECIL RHODES. Special Request Made in Cape Town Cathedral. CAPE TOWN, March 16 .- In the cathe

> draf here today the dean read a letter exressing an earnest desire that prayers e offered for Mr. Rhodes, who is most dangerously III. WRECKED ON LONG BEACH. Barkentine Reported Ashore Not Far

NEW YORK, March 16.-Fire Island rebarkentine was ashore on Long Beach, two and a half miles west of Point Look-

From Point Lookout.

CECIL RHODES WEAKER.

Does Not Improve.

TRIAL OF MAJOR WALLER BEGINS IN MANILA TODAY

Belief in the Philippines That a Conviction in the Case Will Be Impossible.

will begin tomorrow before the court- through which they had passed. martial appointed for the purpose. It is considered that the prosecution will have and it is the general opinion that convic- acting in good faith in trying to induce tion will be impossible

The first official report made to Washmar described Major Waller's recollec- assured.

ALABAMA MINING TOWN

Persons Badly Hurt.

in Piper, Bibb County-Much

Other Damage Caused.

Company, where seventy-five houses, oc-

cupied by miners and mine laborers, were

One Man Killed.

Ed Turner, a miner, was found dead, a

large tree having crushed through his

were caught under one of the houses and

all were hurt, Mrs. Allen very seriously.

Work Suspended.

All work is suspended in the mines and

it is estimated that \$10,000 worth of dam-

age was done to the mining company

EXPRESS MONEY GONE.

Packages With \$30,000 and Two Men

ST. LOUIS, March 16.-The disappear-

reported at the office of the Adams Ex-

It is said also that Larry McKee, a

nessenger employed by the company, is

abssing and that charges have been pre-

The officers of the express company will

give little information as to the disar-

pearance of the money, and beyond the fact that the case is engaging the atten-tion of the employes in this city, Indian-

apolis, and several Indiana towns, nothing

VERY COSTLY ECONOMY.

Captain Refused a Tow, and Ship Is

\$6,400 Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16 .- As a re-

ult of not taking a tow from San Diego

to Portland, on her recent trip up the

east, the British ship Incheape Rock lost

Upon leaving San Diego the ship had

of 40 shillings, and had the greatest good

ortune attended her passage she would

with more than a day or two to spare. Rather than pay a towage fee of per-maps \$1,500 the captain of the Incheape

tock sailed to Portland and was six

ceks on the way, losing the charter, obsequently a rate of 26 shillings was

btained, the difference representing a

ROBBED OF THEIR JEWELS.

English Couple Lose Their Gems While

on a Tear.

LONDON, March 17 -- A despatch to the

Daily Mall" from Brussels says that on

egitah lady and gentleman whose name

e net monitoned, while traveling from

codes by way of Calais to Vienna, and, on reaching Herbauthel, on the liminan frontier, that their lewelry, valued at £38,000, has been stolen. Other demonstrate may that the jewelry a worth £35,000.

would have caved the original

only two weeks in which to reach Port- incapacity?

order to save her grain charter

erred against him at Terra Haute.

eress Company of this city.

ence of packages said to contain \$30,000 is

Missing.

totally destroyed.

more or less damaged, twenty-five being SAYS ALFONSO WILL

John Allen, wife and three children Bellamy Storer Declares

ment?"

May?"

carcely have reached the Columbia River right, physically and mentally. He is

STRUCK BY CYCLONE

MANILA, March 16.-The trial of Major | tions of his experiences as being disorittleton W. T. Waller, of the Marine dered. Captain Porter and Lieutenant Corps, on the charge of putting natives to Williams were also described as having death without the formality of a hearing only a hazy recollection of the hardships

his subordinates to surrender.

AGGRIEVED FATHER Resting Fairly Well, But His Condition SHOOTS AT DUCTOR

Physician Blamed for Death At midnight Mr. Rhodes was resting of Child. fairly well, but his condition had become

BURNED IN HEATED BATH

Coroner and Civil Courts Had Exoner-But Fails to Do Any Harm-Assailant

NEW YORK, March 16 .- A young father who felt himself grievously wronged shot at a physician whom he believed to be responsible for the death of his child on the East Side this morning, just as the physician came out of a patient's house. The bullet struck the doctor, but harm lessly. The man who fired is locked up, ported at 11:45 o'clock tonight that a charged with attempted felonious as

Last December Dr. Samuel M. Lands man was called from his office at 68 Third Street to attend the sick child of Alexander Spinner, at 4 First Avenue. The child, a year-and-one-half-old boy, was suffering from convulsions, and the physician prescribed a hot bath.

Placed in Bath.

No hot water being at hand, a tin bath tub was pressed into service and an oil stove lighted under it. Into the water the baby was put, the doctor holding the child and testing the water with his fingers. badly burned and soon died. The direct heat applied to the bottom of the vessel on which the child was sitting had made the bottom much botter than the water, and blisters on the child showed what agony he had suffered.

Doctor Exonerated.

At the coroner's investigation, Dr. Landsman, whom the child's parents charged with the responsibility for the death of their offspring, was acquitted on the testimony of physicians, and that of Coroner's Physician Weston. Dr. Landsman in his death certificate has ascribed The families of army officers here are the child's death to convulsions, meningiington after the rescue of Major Waller coming out in quite large numbers. This tis, and broncho-pneumonia. The jury and his little party on the Island of Sa- is due to the feeling that peace is shortly found that this was a correct list of

The burns, Dr. Landsman said, were superficial, nothing that the child would not have recovered from under any circumstances. Dr. Weston testified that the autopsy showed that the child had neningitis before Dr. Landsman's treatment was begun, and he spoke of the

Civil Suit Dismissed.

When the corener's jury refused to charge Dr. Landsman with responsibility for the child's death Spinner brought suit for damages against the physician. He sued in the City Court for \$2,000. Last Friday Justice Conion dismissed the uit, after the presentation of the plain tiff's evidence, refusing to send it to a ated Medical Man-Bullet Hits Mark, jury. In the meantime Dr. Landsman heard nothing from Spinner, and supposed

that the matter was ended.

This morning he went out to make his calls, one of which was at 420 Fifth Street. He drove there in his buggy, one of the sort generally used by doctors, and his driver, Joseph Sutter, remained with the rig while the doctor was with his patient. When the doctor came out and started for his horse he saw a re-volver in front of his head in the hands of Spinner, who had stepped up to the

Fumbled With Revolver

Dr. Landsman says that Spinner fumbled a moment with the revolver. The doctor was too much terrified even to attempt to throw up Spinner's hand. Instead he struck his horse with the reinz and urged it forward. As the horse jumped forward and the carriage wheels and top forced the assailant back a little, the revolver was discharged.

Spinner, who ran as soon as he had fired, was chased and captured. He was locked up. Dr. Landsman, after putting distance between himself and Spinner, turned around and headed for the station

Spinner acknowledged the shooting, and was, as he believed, unable to secure justice anywhere. Ever since the death of

grieved over his loss. His wife, who visited the station house later, said the same thing. Spinner felt that the verdict of the coroner's jury was unfair, and when his suit went against him he concluded there was no such thing

A defective flue was the cause of a fire at 6 Factory Hill, occupied by Jesse

found that this was a correct list of Wood, yesterday morning. The damage causes, as far as it went, but added burns. was estimated at about \$50.

GIRLS FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES FROM A BURNING BRYN MAWR DORMITORY

One Man Killed and Four Flames Place Seventy-two Young Women in Peril-All Reported to Have Escaped Without Injury-Aid Summoned From Philadelphia to Help Fight the Flames.

Twenty-five Houses Totally Destroyed BRYN MAWR, Pa., March 17.-1 a. m.- | by the upsetting of a lamp by one of the | From the latter city engines were sent

II and 12 o'clock this morning, but did injury, however,

o'clock last night at Bryn Mawr College | no loss of life. swept through Denby Hall, a dormitory. The fire spread rapidly and in a short clone passed over Bibb County between who lived there. All escaped without ness at the college, and which the stu-

King's Health Good.

Neither Physically Nor Mentally Weak-

Minister to Spain Intends to

Return Shortly.

NEW YORK, March 16.-Bellamy Stor-

a passenger on the St. Louis, which ar-

rived at her dock at 9 o'clock this morn-

"How about the treaty with Spain." he

was asked, "which was concluded and

ready for the signatures? What ground

was there for the stories of disagree

the treaty is now ready for signing."

"But why the delay in signing?"

A Natural Delay.

"That is only what one would expect in

view of the nearness of Alfonso's ascen-

sion to the throne on May 17 next. Per-

naturally such an important matter as

this would be held over, if possible, for

"Then Alfonso will be crowned in

"Don't you know of the stories that have appeared of his health and mental

In Good Health.

"Utter nonsense. I saw Alfonso short-

ly before leaving Madrid. He was all

bright, active, and of a sweet disposition.

His mother has reared him carefully to

fill the post he will shortly assume. For more than a year she has gradually pushed him forward on all possible occa-

ions, retiring to the background herself

"He is a fine horseman, and is always present at the army maneuvres, spending frequently eight hours in the saddle with-

out any unusual fatigue. He has grown fully a head in height since I have known him, about two and a half years. He is

slender, of grave appearance, and un

usually intelligent for a boy of his years.

Journey to Rome.

"Is it true that the Queen Regent will

ourney privately to Rome to seek the

"I know nothing whatever about it. Al-

onso will be crowned in May."

Mr. Storer further said that he was going back in sixty or perhaps attesty days, which to the limit of his leave. He has not been have.

the new government to dispose of."

"Certainly; why not?"

camp, operated by the Little Cahaba Coal the hall, and was caused, it is believed, sought at nearby towns and Philadelphia. campus.

At midnight the fire was still blazing,

practically destroying it and endangering while the entire building was in flames. despite the efforts of the combined force the lives of seventy-two young women. Apparatus which is always kept in readi-Denby Hail was one of the largest buildings of the college. It contained

Fire which started between 10 and 11 students. So far as known there has been out, and Ardmore was the next to re-

no damage except at Piper, a mining The fire started in one of the wings of to the sudden emergency, and aid was other structures that cluster about the

FINAL COLLAPSE OF THE BOSTON STRIKE

Defeated Strikers Now Cry "Treachery."

The freight handlers who struck in Boston in sympathy for the teamsters voted yesterday to return without conditions-that is, as many of them as the railroads care to re-employ will be set to work alongside the non-union men hired during the strike. The longshoremen took similar action. It is a crushing defeat for the

Those who took part in the sympathetic demonstration are particularly angry against their leaders, and say they were betrayed.

DEMAND FOR RECOGNITION. Miners Said to Be Determined on This Point.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 15 .- The delegates from the upper end of the anthracite coal field will leave in the mornfor the Shamokin convention. They resaid that he did not know why he had ceived their instructions at meetings of done it, except that he was beside him- the locals today, and, while they will not self, as he was distraught over the loss of say what they are, it is evident they do his child and deeply aggrieved that he not expect a strike. They believe the operators will make one concession which will avert it-recognition of the union.

It is planned for the convention to ask for four principal things-an eight-hour day, a uniform scale of wages, recognition of the union, and a continuation of the present scale. The operators have already granted the latter. They are not expect ed to grant the two former, and if they will allow recognition of the union, the eight-hour day and uniform wage demands will, it is understood, be with-

drawn. If they do not get recognition the men say they will certainly strike.

MAY BE WRECK OF TIBER.

Submerged Vessel Found Off White Point, Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 16. - A submerged wreck, supposed to be that of the steamer Tiber, was discovered on Satur day by Howard McKenzie, who was duck shooting at the White Point Ledge, six miles from Capso. McKenzie saw near the ledge a spar sticking out of the water which proved to be a cargo gaff with chaattached.

He got close and saw the bow of a steamer about six feet below the surface. A large section of the bow had been broforecastle. The stern was in deeper water. It is possible that the wreck on White ness at the college, and which the stu-dents know how to use, proved not equal dents know how to use, proved not equal ledge stranded on her way back, but eventually she got off without much damage

STONE THROWN BY A BOY LED TO IMPERIAL EDICT

Mischievous Chinese Lad's Act Results in a Decree Declaring Foreigners Under Special Protection.

caused considerable amusement to those of kingship, because his intellectual fac- who have not forgotten that they were uities, in spite of careful training, were once boys themselves. A few days ago a number of boys in playful mood were engaged in throwing a stone which was at-

PEKING, March 16.-An international string slipped from the hand of one incident has just been settled here which | the boys, and the missile landed a little distance from the party. The incident, insignificant in itself, was reported to the Charge d'Affaires, who

tached to a string.

They threw the stone in the direction of a party of Italians, including Baroness Romani-Avezzana, wife of the Italian Charge d'Affaires. It is understood that Charge d'Affaires. It is understood that which is under foreign control. the stone either became loosened or the which is under foreign control.

DOORKEEPER GLENN BURIED IN CUBA, N. Y.

at His Old Home.

Dead Editor's Associates in the House of Representatives Set Up Sentiments for His Paper.

BOLIVAR, N. Y., March 16 .- The funeral | McDowell. of William J. Glenn, doorkeeper of the House of Representatives, who died in Washington on Wednesday, was held in Cuba this afterneon. A special car at- whom he came in contact—Henry Cas tached to the Pennsylvania flyer brought | son. a large delegation from Washington this morning, including Representatives E. G.

Prominent Men Present.

Nearly every prominent man in the Thirty-fourth Congressional district was present. Among them Justices Warren B. Hooker, John Woodard, F. W. Kruse, and United States District Attorney Chas. RALEIGH, N. C., March 16.-Lord and H. Brown. So large was the attendance Lady Pauncefote, who have been guests from out of town this very few Cuba peoat Biltmore House, the maintain home of pie were able to gain admittance to the Pope's advice about continuing the re- Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, left Presbyterian Church after the visitors

The services were conducted by the of-Mrs. E. G. Flabbry, Mr. and Mrs. E. ficers of St. John's Communitary, No. 24. Gasgoyne, Havee, Phoeneels, Hambis Douglas Robinson, Comm. Conta, Mr. and Knights Templars, of Olean, assisted by Milano, Hamburg: Chicago Circ. Is-Mrs. William Dangins School, Miss Lills the Rev. Thomas Archibaid and the Rev. Arrived out: Unibria, from New York Stoams, and Mr. William, Field. F. W. Beecher, a nephers of Henry Ward at Liverpeel.

complained to the Throne, with the red suit that an edict has been issued re-

made in a driving tain. Set Up Sentiments.

Funeral Services Take Place

Burker, Clerk of the House Alexander McDowell, and Sergeant-at-Arms Henry

were seated.

Beecher. The march to the cemetery was

All the officers of the House of Repreentatives, except Speaker Henderson, were formerly publishers of country newspapers, the list including Doorkeeper Glenn, Clerk McDowell, Sergeant-at Arms Casson, and Postmaster McEiroy. This afternoon Mr. McDowell and Mr. Casson went to the office of the "Cuba Patriot," Mr. Glenn's newspaper, and set up sentiments for the dead editor. It was the first time Mr. McDowell had set a line of type in thirty-two years, and the first time that Mr. Casson had been

at the case in twenty-two years. Mr. Mc-Dowell's sentiment was this:
"He is dead, but his memory will be a weet song to us forever and forever .- A. Mr. Casson set up this: "William J.

He was at all times and under all circum

Probable Successor. The Washington delegation returns

Vreeland, James Sherman, D. S. Alexan- home tonight. In an interview on the der, C. H. Gillett, W. H. Ryan, Charles H. | way home from the feneral Representative Vreeland and Representative Jame Sherman were questioned regarding th probable successor of Mr. Glenn, Mr. Vreeland stated that Frank B. Lyon, c Cuba, Allegany County, at prezent super interient of the House folding room would be the unanimous choice for door keeper at the Republican caucus, to b held probably comorrow afternoon. Mr Sherman agreed with Mr. Vreeland. The news of the probable action of the Republican caucus is very pleasing to the

NEW YORK, March 16.-Arrived: I

Men Cry "Treachery" and Return to Work Without Terms.

MANY WILL NOT BE EMPLOYED

Non-Union Freight Handlers to Be Retained in Sheds.

AGAINST LEADERS

Members of the Unions Assert That They Were Sold Out-Left Places to Aid the Teamsters, Who Are Being Well Cared for, They Say.

BOSTON, March 16.-Unless the freight andlers and longshoremen should change their minds before 7 o'clock tomorrow the great strike which threatened to cripple he business of the city seriously for a time at least is at an end. The freight handlers have voted to give in and they will accept such places as are now vacant in the various sheds, and the longshoremen have taken like action.

In following the wishes of the strike leaders, the men have admitted that they have received a crushing defeat. Instead of getting regular employment at regular wages the greater part of the men who struck at the freight sheds of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad two weeks ago now find them-

"Where is Mr. Cox, president of the Allied Freight Trades Council?" was asked of a striker. "Where is he? He's all right. He's

toward the leaders.

"What about the teamsters?" was

"The teamsters are all right," was the eply. "They've got their jobs back again, and we who went out to help them are out in the cold, and they don't give a rap. We have been sold out." "Don't you think it was bad generalship

this strike

fair had been made in giving Governor Crane full power to make a settlement, they having heard a rumor that he was a

not care to say that the men had been badly defeated.
"That is rather a harsh term to use,

and would give them the idea that we are

"Then about fifty more will be taken on for a few hours each day, when the erush of business is the heaviest, and they will have permanent places as soon

than one-half will get their places back, and it is because of this that the others are wild with anger against the strike

Lumbermen Beaten. Two of three lumbermen from Lincoln, N. H., who, It is said, came here Friday to take the places of some of the striking lumber teamsters, are in the hospital with fractured skulls, and the third of the party has mysteriously disappeared. I The police have reached the conclusion

DEATH OF HUGH O'NEILL. New York Dry Goods Merchant Expires

at His Home. NEW YORK, March 16 .- Hugh O'Neill, ne dry goods merchant and sole owner of 'O'Neill's" stores in Sixth Avenue, died this afternoon at his home on West Fif-

Mr. O'Neill, who was a stalwart man f North of Ireland origin, and six eet three inches tall, was the last peron in the world to be taken for an inralid, but he had not been thoroughly well for the last ten years. Since Deember he had been confined to his home, ected. His strong constitution, his doc-

nighters. An only son died in 1895, Mr. O'Neill was born July 15, 1844, near cliast, Ireland. He came to this couny in 1856. In 1867 he entered into a etnership with his brother, Henry, and mey opened a little millinery and notion ere in Breadway. They were success-

two Hotels and Three Houses Robbed in Wilkesbarre.

replied residency magazines

A Crushing Defeat.

selves without work.

n New York, and he had better stay there if he knows what is best for him," was the reply. The men feel very bitter

Blame the Leaders.

Angered at Mr. Come. The group of men that talked thus timated that the mistake of the whole af-

against which the fight had been chiefly General Manager Chamberlain, of the New Haven road, said tonight that he did

waiking around with a chip on our shoul-ders," he said. "Tomorrow morning about 250 of our old hands will be given work, steady employment, such as they former-

Work by the Hour.

as the opportunity offers." It appears that out of the 560 freight hands employed by the New Haven Road who went out a week ago last night less

that they were the victims of strikers or their friends. In each case the injurest men were found unconscious, and there and been no attempt at robbery.

y-seventh Street.

nd for a week his death had been exors said, was all that kept him alive for ears. He leaves a widow and two

if from the start, and in 1870 moved to fight Avenue and gradually enlarged seir stores. The estate is estimated at bout \$5,000,000.

BURGLARS' BUSY TIME.

WILKESUNGER, Pa., March 10.-Two note and three realdeness at Minnera

The radius that differentiate and were a setting to retting away before daylight at the proof of paid taken and several agoed defined in money and jewelry.

Further details of the fight

ed from the correspondents.

Lukban, the noted insurgent leader who was captured recently, is still conmost difficult task to prove the charge, fined in Catbalogan. He asserts that he is

THE POPE MAY DECIDE. BE CROWNED IN MAY Holy Father, It Is Said, Will Judge King' Fitness. LONDON, March 16 .- Some sensationa

ly respecting the young King of Spain. It has been hinted not obscurely that he i weak-minded. These reports are gross ly exaggerated. The actual facts are that a short time ago the papal nuncio in Madrid wrote to the Pope that Alfonso was not qualified to take over at present the full functions

statements have been made here recent-

not sufficiently developed for his high es-

er, United States Minister to Spain, was Bodily Health Only Fair. He also stated that the King's bodily health, though good, was not excellent; in fact, that he was mentally and physi-

cally inferior to the average young aris-

tocrat of his age.

There was, therefore, grave fear that the development of Eing Alfonso's faculties would be seriously re-orded should "Really, I can't discuss Government pusiness, I shall have to refer you to the he be now called to assume the active State Department. All I can say is that duties of a governing sovereign. The nuncio wrote with the knowledge the negotiations have been concluded and and approval of the Queen Regent, who at the same time asked the Holy Father's advice. The Pope replied that upon the

nuncio's report the prolongation of re-

gency for three or four years appeared to

be imperative, but before prenouncing a

final opinion he would like to see his god haps there will be a new ministry, and son. May Visit the Pope. Such is the position today. There to reason to believe that Queen Regent

TRIED SUICIDE AT SEA. Two Passengers on the New England Weary of Life. QUEENSTOWN, March 16 -Two pas-

Christiana and King Alfonso will pay a

private visit to Rome in Easter week.

sengers by the steamship New England from Boston, which arrived here yesterday, attempted to commit suicide on the trip across. One man named Regan tyled to strangle tempted to jump overboard.

PAUNCEFOTES LEAVE BILTMORE.

Returning From Visit to Mr. and Mrs. G.

W. Vanderbilt. Among the guests remaining are Mr. and